Subject No. 153.

Head-quarters of Assistant Commissioners.

Mr. C. Krishniengar of Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Assistant Commissioners may be placed over every three taluks, and made to have their head-quarters within their Division.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration. This is being done as far as possible.

Subject No. 154.

Disposal of petitions presented to Amildars, Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit.

Summary of discussion.—The present practice of Amildars referring to their Shekdars the petitions presented to them, and the Deputy Commissioners referring petitions to the Amildars and the latter in their turn referring the same to the Shekdars, may be discontinued, and Amildars be enjoined to dispose of petitions presented to them after personal local investigation and hearing the petitioners during their itineration of 10 days a month in the taluk. It will also contribute to the prompt disposal of petitions, and also to minimize correspondence if, in the case of petitions presented to Deputy Commissioners, it be ruled that the Assistant Commissioners should personally inspect the localities concerned during their inspection tours, or that the Amildars should report on such petitions after personal inspection.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 155.

Revenue Probationerships may be abolished.

Messrs. M. Anantharajaiya, C. Krishniengar and N. Srikantiah of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Revenue Probationerships may be abolished, as they are now conferred on persons without qualifications. Or, in lieu of the present system, selection may be made from among those who pass the Civil Service Examinations but are below the prescribed number.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 156.

The status of Shekdars.

Messrs. Anantharajaiya and N. Srikantiah of the Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The status of Shekdars should be raised to that of Revenue Inspectors in the Madras Presidency.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered.

Subject No. 157.

Right of Government to minerals in alienated lands.

Messrs. B. Garudachar of Shimoga, and Srinivasmurti of Gorur.

Summary of discussion.—According to Rule 14 of the Land Revenue Rules recently amended and brought into force from the 1st September 1901, the Government wishes to reserve rights to all mines and mineral products that may be found in an alienated land. This is a great hardship to the holder of such land. This right should be conceded to the raiyats as hitherto. Else, it discourages industry and curtails the natural privileges of an owner. The exercise of such right by Government in lands in the holdings of individuals, cannot but entail unnecessary hardship to the owners thereof. The old system may be reverted to.

Reply of Government.—The Rule only applies as regards future alienations (grants as inam) of unalienated lands. Such cases are rare, and there can be no hardship in making the reservation.